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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response is being timely filed with the fees for the third month extension of time and a Notice of Appeal.

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